

Larry Ochs Sports Complex

Public Meeting, November 18, 2016

Verbatim Individual Comments

- Build the alternate site asap.
- Like the alternate location better. How about a track?
- Prefer new location – better access, better amenities, just begin! Have you considered an aquatics center addition to the plan? There is a huge lack of pool space for summer recreation as well as competitive swimming.
- When/If the Kettle Creek location becomes residential, will the access way on Chapel Ridge be enough to manage neighborhood traffic. Alternative location on Federal is a great choice. Thank you.
- I am in favor of the alternate location. I think it provides better access to amenities for participants and it also addresses concerns regarding traffic thru the existing Bison Ridge neighborhood.
- Go with the new site at Colorado Crossing!!
- I prefer the alternative location. I just purchased a house on the corner of Looking Glass Way and Chapel Ridge. The original location would be disastrous for our neighborhood. The traffic and safety concern would be top priority. Many of the new residents have small children and having thousands of cars – not to mention people – driving down the small road of Chapel Ridge would be scary. I would also be concerned to have people going to the park after hours and that driving down the quality of our neighborhood. The alternative option is MUCH better in several ways! The access roads are much more feasible for the alternative location, especially for tournaments. The property is in a commercial and residential area so it's not disturbing residents. It would also allow attendees hotel and restaurant access. Please DO NOT keep the original location – it is a safety hazard, bad for the neighborhood and not desired by the community!
- There's no option. It has to be the alternate site on Federal. The residential neighborhood (including the new Vanguard homes on what was prior zoned as commercial) cannot safely handle this volume and nature of traffic. I would worry about all the children in Bison Ridge.
- I would like to see the facility moved to the new location. It makes more sense and would be better for the Bison Ridge neighborhood.
- Alternate site better. Concerned about density of housing. Why is there no trail along Kettle Creek? I still think the location of the field in either site is bad. We need a park in Kettle Creek. I wish you were more honest about this being for Adults and not youth. I see lots of fat, drunk, angry softballers in our future.
- The alternative site seems to have better routes, parking, and closer to lodging and food. This will provide easier access for patrons.

- Existing master plan does not take into consideration of location in a residential neighborhood causing traffic and safety issues. Recommend Colorado Crossroads as the best option.
- Colorado Crossroads is a much more viable option due to ingress and egress ease from an established roadway rather than cars driving down community streets (neighborhoods).
- 2 thumbs up for alternate site (Federal Blvd). Concerned about traffic on Chapel Ridge. Excited for a neighborhood Park!
- Please do the land swap!! If that does not work, please don't, do one entry. That will be a disaster!
- I think Colorado Crossing is the way to go. I strongly prefer the Colorado Crossing because of the ability for multiple access points to the fields, the # of shops/hotels are there. I think this is the way to go. I do not like the location on Powers, the residents at Kettle Creek will suffer. The traffic would be a major factor. Parking would overflow to Rhinestone. The light pollution would also be bad. I think zoning north of Kettle Creek would be better as residential use/ parks etc. I believe the sports complex would lower home values in Kettle Creek. I vote for Colorado Crossing ☺ Thanks for finding an alternative site.
- To me the site at Colorado Crossing would be accepted a lot easier than the current location. Easier access for constant traffic. Room to expand. Honestly, I think the decision has been made for the current site. It is nice of you to try and make us think the community has a voice. Disappointed the speaker wouldn't take one minute to see a show of hands for one site or the other. His excuse not to do this spoke volumes to everyone. Decision has already been made.
- Wonderful work trying to work with the public. Concern would be in the swap of land. Some guarantee that the land would stay residential. Also, definitely want a traffic circle, NOT A TRAFFIC LIGHT, at Old Ranch Road and Chapel Hills/Chapel Ridge.
- Definitely choose the alternative location, multiple additional perks of Federal Drive location. As a homeowner in Kettle Creek, the Powers location is disconcerting to say the least. I have children myself who will utilize the parks, and will happily and preferable drive them to the Federal location. Also: need a ROUNDABOUT at Old Ranch Road and Chapel Hills/Chapel Ridge, NOT a traffic light.
- Ingress/egress unacceptable for a facility of this size. As a City park it makes sense but the above issue needs to be addressed.
- We live off Chapel Hills drive north – big concern regarding heavy traffic to Powers/Old Ranch Road. Idea of site at Colorado Crossing makes much more sense.
- We live in the Townes of Kettle Creek where we have only one entrance and outlet into Rhinestone Drive. It is the most convenient right turn off of Powers Boulevard. This traffic flow will cause a lot of congestion and could cause safety concerns. Please give this serious consideration. We prefer location # 2.
- Kettle Creek/Bison Ridge is very congested already. Briargate Master Plan (2003) needs to be updated with current residential, congestion in Kettle Creek. Recommend that Sports Complex be located by Colorado Crossings #2, further away from Residential.

Keep residential with residential and sports complex closer to restaurants, better/more access to handle traffic, lights, etc. Still have concerns about “feeling confident” in getting all the funding – Another reason to have it located with Colorado Crossing – which is an eyesore since it didn’t have sufficient funds.

- Strongly encourage the alternative site. The Colorado Crossing site has much better access of Voyageur and Interquest instead of Chapel Ridge. * Further there are no property values affected*. Colorado Crossing also has premier access to other services such as restaurants and gas stations.
- Keep the sports complex in the current location. Using the alternative location merely changes the traffic issue from Sports Complex traffic to residential traffic going through Chapel Ridge. The light pollution issue moves the lights from north of Bison Ridge to west of Bison Ridge. Although further away, the lights will affect the mountain view for Bison Ridge.
- I like the alternative location. Not going thru a residential area is critically important. Easier access at alternate location is vital: more than 1 way in and out and closer to major roads. I think you need more than 60 parking spaces per field. Will club sports be able to rent out fields (soccer, football, lacrosse, field hockey)? Do not consider old location!
- Support alternate location! Do not support current location! Love the alternative location! Not impacting residential community is crucial! The access and parking improvements at alternative location great. Need more parking! Nice that you have opportunity to expand. Do not consider old location!
- It is much appreciated that you listened to our neighborhood comments. The alternative is definitely an option that should be explored. That said, Creekside homes off of Old Ranch Road should be included in decisions if the alternative is pursued. This is their back yard and many decks face that alternative site. Thank you for listening!
- We are excited about a quality sports complex in northern Colorado Springs – Thank you for your work! Also, thank you for the new location. I believe the Colorado Crossing location would be best. Access into the location would be much smoother, especially for tournaments and those coming from I -25. Closer to food, activities are a major plus. The excitement for the sports complex would increase from surrounding community and those who attend – less frustration for those using the site. Colorado Crossing is the best location for a multitude of reasons!
- ALTERNATIVE LOCATION, ALTERNATIVE LOCATION, ALTERNATIVE LOCATION, ALTERNATIVE LOCATION.
- Thanks for listening! I fully support the alternative site.
- Thank you so much for looking at the alternate location. The access is so much better and there will be great things to do/ places to eat/ hotels to stay at right nearby. I would much prefer 300 additional residences north of me (in the original park site) than the traffic generated by a sports complex. NEW PROPOSED LOCATION, YAY!!!
- The alternative location (Colorado Crossing area) seems the best. Better access. Close to other development (hotels, restaurants), any benefits of the Sports Complex will still

be available to Kettle Creek families. THANK YOU for your professionalism.... And endless patience with some members of the public!

- Love, Love, Love the new proposed site!!!
- Prefer new location because of access and proximity to restaurants and shops.
- We absolutely need this facility and FAST! Press on with whichever site will meet the least resistance and delays. It's for the kids!
- I would approve of the alternate location for many reasons: 1. the easy access; 2. Future possibilities; 3. A place for my kids to play and be excited about (not to here I wish we lived in Denver, they have cool fields). I would prefer more than 8 baseball fields. The North end has an almost done new soccer fields, Cottonwood Creek and many other parks with open, flat space for soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, football etc. Baseball fields – well as was said about 5 were taken away and Cotton Creek fields seem to only be used for Men's Recreation softball. I know that lights are an issue and add more costs, but Baseball is America's favorite past time. Many people who don't like baseball can still come out to watch all or some of the game and still visit/come together as a community and enjoy the surroundings in our beautiful city. And to note, my family has been wanting a new facility since we moved here 20 years ago... at this point I hope to watch my nieces/nephews/neighbors and someday soon Grandkids play at this facility with 10 ball fields... or more. We need this sooner than later!